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SUBJECT: JAPANESE DOCTORS STUDYING MARSHALL ISLANDERS EXPOSED TO  
1954 FALLOUT

1. NAGASAKI CHAPTER OF JAPAN CONGRESS AGAINST ATOMIC AND  
HYDROGEN BOMBS (GENSUKIN) APPARENTLY HAS OBTAINED TREATMENT  
RECORD CARDS ORIGINALLY MAINTAINED BY USAEC FOR 66 NATIVE  
OF MARSHALLS (PRINCIPALLY RONGELAP) WHO WERE EXPOSED TO  
FALLOUT FROM 1954 BIKINI WEAPONS TEST. CARDS COVER TREATMENT  
PERIOD OF 19 YEARS, STARTING IN 1954. CARDS WERE TURNED OVER  
TO DOCTORS AT JAPAN RED CROSS NAGASAKI ATOMIC BOMB HOSPITAL  
AND AT NAGASAKI UNIVERSITY. JAPANESE DOCTORS WERE SAID TO HAVE  
EXAMINED CARDS AND STATED THAT ISLANDERS MAY CONTRACT  
LEUKEMIA OR GENERATIVE ORGAN CANCERS IN YEARS AHEAD. AS  
CONSEQUENCE, GENSUIKIN NAGASAKI CHAPTER INVITED TWO RONGELAP  
ISLANDERS FROM GROUP OF 66 TO NAGASAKI LAST MAY, AND THEY ARE  
NOW RECEIVING TREATMENT AT RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

2. INFO PARA 1 ABOVE GIVEN TO DR. FINCH, RERF. HE REPORTED  
THAT DR. CONARD AT BNL HAD RECENTLY MADE INQUIRY ABOUT RUMORS  
ALONG LINE ABOVE STORY. FINCH WILL INVESTIGATE FURTHER AND  
SEND DETAILS TO CONARD. ERDA MAY WISH TO INFORM CONARD  
ACCORDINGLY.  
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